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SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS (As Amended)

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Examiner: K. Kerr

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of January 14, 2002. A fee of \$55.00 is enclosed.

No additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Applicants's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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